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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re: Pennica and Rastelli |) Group Art Unit: 1642 |
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| Application No. 09/816,653 | Examiner Gary B. Nickol, Ph.D. RECEIVED |
| Filed: March 23, 2001 | PULLED |
| For: NOVEL HUMAN STRA6-LIKE PROTEIN AND NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING THE SAME | AUG 2 2 2003 TECH CENTER 1600/2900 |

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR § 1.136(a))

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a petition for an extension of the time to respond to the Office Action dated March 17, 2003 for a period of two months.

Please charge the \$410.00 fee to American Express Account No. 3785-716974-01002. A Credit Card Payment Form is attached. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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